

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1939
ANSWERED ON:15.03.2002
BIFURCATION OF NATIONAL COMMISSION FOR SC/ST
SURESH RAMRAO JADHAV (PATIL)

Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government propose to bifurcate National Commission for the Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes;
- (b) if so, the reasons therefor; and
- (c) the time by which a bill seeking amendment in the Constitution of this effect is likely to be brought before the Parliament?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (DR. SATYANARAYAN JATIYA)

(a) to (c): Yes Sir. A proposal for bifurcation of the Commission is under consideration. The problems of SCs and STs are quite different from each other. To give focused attention for the Welfare & Development of Tribals a separate Ministry of Tribal Affairs has also been set up.